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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: In re Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and SpectrumCo, LLC for Consent to Assign Licenses; Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Cox TMI Wireless, LLC for Consent to Assign Licenses, WT Docket No. 12-4

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 19, Tamara Preiss and John Scott of Verizon and Kathy Zachem and Lynn Charytan of Comcast met with Dave Grimaldi, Chief of Staff and Media Legal Advisor, and Louis Peraertz, Legal Advisor for Wireless, International, and Public Safety, to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

During the meeting, we explained that the spectrum assignments would help meet Verizon Wireless' need for additional spectrum to satisfy its customers' growing demand for mobile broadband services. As detailed in the applications and in the applicants' March 2, 2012 Joint Opposition, that demand is driven by the growing number of connections using the network, the shift toward more broadband-capable devices, and the rise of bandwidth-intensive applications and services. We explained that Verizon Wireless leads the industry in spectrum efficiency and employs efficiency-enhancing techniques such as cell-splitting and small cells to address capacity constraints, but these engineering solutions are insufficient by themselves to meet burgeoning demand.²

¹ See Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and SpectrumCo, LLC for Consent to Assign Licenses, WT Docket No. 12-4 (filed Dec. 16, 2011)("SpectrumCo App"), Exhibit 1, at 5-19; Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and Cox TMI, LLC for Consent to Assign Licenses, WT Docket No. 12-4 (filed Dec. 21, 2011)("Cox App"), Exhibit 1 at 6-18; Joint Opposition to Petitions to Deny and Comments, WT Docket No. 12-4 (filed March 2, 2012)("Joint Opposition"), at 12-31.

² See Joint Opposition at 23-31.

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We also explained that the spectrum assignments would be at or below the spectrum screen in nearly all markets and that the assignments would cause no competitive harm in any market, again as detailed in the applications and in the Joint Opposition.³

Finally, we explained that the separate agency and reseller agreements enable both Verizon Wireless and the MSOs to offer their customers bundles of video, high-speed data, digital voice, and wireless services and enable the MSOs to offer wireless services to their customers. We also explained how the joint venture would support the integration of wireless and broadband services and devices.⁴

This letter is being filed electronically pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

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Sincerely,

cc: (via e-mail)

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³ See SpectrumCo. App Exhibit 1, at 24-33; Cox App Exhibit 1, at 18-22; Joint Opposition at 42-63.

⁴ See Joint Opposition Exhibit 6, at 3-4.